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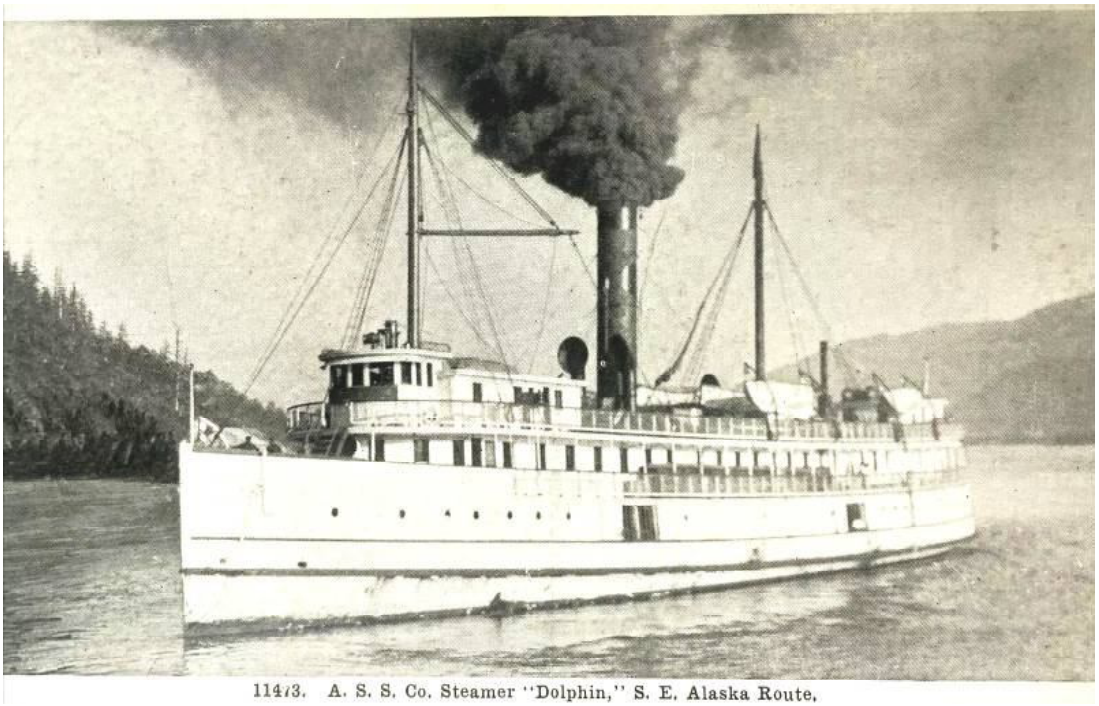
STEAMER DOLPHIN



11473. A. S. S. Co. Steamer "Dolphin," S. E. Alaska Route.

Daily Morning Alaskan, Skagway, April 4, 1900.
THE FASTEST STEAMER
To Be Put on By the Alaska Steamship Company
The Alaska Steamship Company has advised Frank E. Burns, general agent at this port, that it has purchased the fleet and elegant Long Island steamer Dolphin, and will put her on the Seattle-Skagway route. Capt. O'Brien, master of the steamer Rosalie, has gone to New York to bring the Dolphin to the coast. It is expected to have the ship here about July 1st.

The Dolphin has a speed of 18 knots, is 220 feet long, 40 foot beam, and is propelled by tripple screws driven by tripple expansion engines. She will be by all odds the fastest ship in Alaskan waters, and the Alaska Steamship company hopes to gain a big share of travel with the greyhound. She has freight capacity of 700 tons.

Daily Morning Alaskan, Skagway, April 10. 1900.
NEW STEAMER DOLPHIN
Carries Three Hundred and Fifty Passengers and Lots of Freight
Frank E. Burns, agent for the Alaska Steamship Company, says their crack steamer, the Dolphin, may reach Seattle from New York early in June, and get to Skagway on her first trip the middle of that month.

The Dolphin is comparatively new. She is a steel steamship built in 1892 at Wilmington, Del. by Hollins & Hollingsworth...As an Alaska liner she will carry 350 passengers, 150 first-class, and 200 second, and 600 tons of freight besides fuel.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, July 9, 1900.
STEAMER DOLPHIN'S TUMULTUOUS TRIP.
Escapes the Perils of Storm at Sea and Mutiny on Board.
San Francisco, July 2 -- The steamer Dolphin, which arrived last night from New York, through the Straits of Magellan had a sensational trip. According to Capt. John O'Brien, the day fol-

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

When a token from the Steamer Dolphin appeared on eBay, this turned into a steamship issue. What better time to examine the Martha Clow, Yale and St. Michael. And then why not an excursion to Siberia in 1904!

The Steamer Dolphin might be the buy of the year on eBay! Also on eBay this month, a Copper Block Buffet with nugget sold for what I think was a reasonable price. I remember when these would sell for $2,000 (before eBay), when $2,000 was real money.

There are four pages of sales items. The first page has wooden nickels. Most are only $2. The next two pages are all kinds of modern material. I actually had them priced, and went back and reduced the prices on most of them. The last page are silver medals. Minimal descriptions. Call or email if you need more.

On a sad note, Irene Shuler, Kaye Dethridge's wife passed away on April 24. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kaye, and his son Mike and daughter-in-law Sandy, who will be with Kaye in Sitka for the foreseeable future. Kaye and Irene were married in 1982, bonding over their love of collecting Alaska tokens and other Alaskana.

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YUKON & BRITISH COLUMBIA TOKEN DATA BASES

We did not give the correct web address in a previous issue. It should be:

cnr-rnc.ca/greene-ronald

A tremendous amount of work went into these. Give them a look.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage, Masonic Penny, B-2unl? September is abbreviated SEPT. 59.00
Bering River, Hoonah Pkg. Co., $10, B-1g OB399.00NB
(Juneau), A.H. King, 10¢, B-42b 19.99OB
Palmer, A.R.R.C., 5¢, B-1b 121.37
Seward, Northern, 12½¢, B-8bIII? 23.25
Talkeetna, H.W.N., 25¢, B-3a 21.50
Talkeetna, H.W.N., 50¢, B-3b 32.00
Valdez, Copper Block Buffet, $1 nugget, B-4cII 898.88
Steamer Dolphin, 5 Cents 229.00OB
Alaska Gold, 2 Too Wah, 1910, NGC-63 518.07
AYPE, Gold Camp Saloon & Dance Hall, 191.00

OB =Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

MAY 3rd AUCTION P.R.

Lot		Bid
283	Alakanuk, B-1 a-f	75mb*
284	Anchorage, B-38 a-d	12
285	Chatanika, B-3c	20mb*
286	Alaska Milk Tokens	60mb*
287	Fairbanks, B-45aI	10
288	Ketchikan tokens	30mb*
289	Kotzebue, B-1 a-c	95mb*
290	McCarthy, B-4a	40mb*
291	Nenana, B-3aI	23mb*
292	Seldovia B-5a	25mb*
293	Spenard, B-2, a-g	40
294	Talkeetna, B-3b	50mb*
295	Yes Bay, B-3a	95mb*
296	1994 Iditarod medal	50mb*
297	1995 Iditarod medal	45mb*
298	2002 Iditarod medal	50mb*
299	2007 Iditarod medal	50mb*
300	1993 Alaksa State Gold medal	3,450mb*
301	UAF Gold and Silver medal set	3,850
302	Alaska Gold Charm	410

mb = mail bidder * = reduced bid
Total bid reductions - $554

STEAMER DOLPHIN, CONT.

lowing her departure three stowaways were discovered. But for the stormy weather O'Brien would have put about and landed the men. Subsequently the captain wished with all his heart that he had followed his first inclination in this respect.

Steward Placed in Irons.

From St. Lucia he took eight natives to assist the crew. About a week after leaving the West Indies a native told the captain that one of the stowaways was a notorious bandit, one was a lunatic and the third was an escaped murderer. Edward Palmer, a negro, the steward, assumed an independent attitude before the Dolphin was past Sandy hook. Three days out from St. Lucia he attacked a fireman name McAllister with a chair, and laid his scalp open. The steward was put in irons and Capt. O'Brien and Chief Engineer Winter took six stitches in the fireman's head. The West Indians then became friendly with the negro crew, and they worked only whenever they pleased.

Capt. O'Brien intended to land the steward and the natives at Montevideo, but the United States consul there advised holding them until an American port was reached.

Purser Humes' Story.

"Our real troubles began after leaving Montevideo," said Purser L.F. Humes, of the Dolphin. "We ran into pampero off the River Platt, and the waves simply washed over us. As you see, we are now pretty high out of the water, but we thought every sea would knock us over. We never expected to weather that storm, but there was worse to come.

"We got into the Straits of Magellan and had fine weather till we got inside of Cape Virgin light. Then we got into what the natives call a williwow. The pampero was like a summer breeze to this. Great bodies of water were sucked up into the air and sent back by the ton on top of us. Time after time we were engulfed and saw nothing but water above and below us. Two steers on the after deck were picked up bodily, with their pens, and carried into the sea behind us. They remained in sight only a moment, and were then lost.

Give Relief to Chileans

"While we were at anchor off Punta Arenas a boat containing several Chilean dignitaries put off to sea, and they begged for arms and ammunition. They told us that there had been an uprising of the fierce Patagonians the night before, and that fourteen Chileans had been massacred. Capt. O'Brien gave them a three inch gun and ammunition. The officials were profuse in their thanks and the next day sent us a boat load of fruit and vegetables. It was storming in the Pacific, just outside. The storm continued and we dared not venture into the ocean.

Encounter with Fuegans

"The second night we were anchored a boat load of natives from Tierra del Fuego stole up on us and a firebrand was hurled at the steamer. About a year before the same thing had been done to a Chilean warship. The brand passed through an open port and set fire to that vessel. The crew left the vessel in a small boat and were killed and eaten by the Fuegans.

Steward Stirs Up Mutiny

"At Coronel the West Indians refused to work because it was raining. Steward Palmer, who attempted the murder of Fireman McAllister after leaving St. Lucia, had been fomenting dissention among the men for some time, and the officers felt the need of going about armed. The steward and his former crew and the natives got drunk on Chilean whiskey, and while the captain was ashore took possession of the fire axes and instituted a reign of terror. Mate Stuart went ashore in a boat to apprise the captain of what was going on, and the United States consul called upon the government for soldiers.

"The troops were ten miles away at the fort, and a special was sent for them. The officers did a little dress parade act on the deck and I never saw so much gold lace.

"When we got back to the steamer the mutineers had the rest of the crew up in the rigging and were in full possession of the steamer. The soldiers had a quieting effect on the negroes. The steward and firemen were taken ashore in irons and next day a court of inquiry was held on the Dolphin. The officers swore that they would not leave Coronel with the mutineers on board, but the court fixed that by giving the six ringleaders three months each in the caboose...You can bet we lost no time in getting out. I would not want my worst enemy in prison in Coronel. It is a desolate place where leprosy and crime seem to thrive."

STEAMER DOLPHIN, CONT.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, August 31, 1900.
Repairs to Steamer Dolphin Are Completed.
The steamer Dolphin, Capt. John A. O'Brien, will go into commission Sunday, extensive alterations and repairs having been completed. She goes Sunday to Victoria and will bring a crowd of excursionist to this city to attend the Labor day exercises.

September 6 the Dolphin will start on her first trip to Lynn canal ports, which will thereafter be her regular run.

ALASKA S. S. COMPANY
OPERATING STEAMERS
"DOLPHIN"
Due September 3, and every ten days thereafter.
DIRIGO AND FARALLON
AUG. 30TH
SEPT. 13th and 27th
SEPT. 20th
OCTOBER 4th.
Service Unsurpassable. The DOLPHIN is the NEWEST, FASTEST and most Comfortable and Elegant Steamer on the Alaskan Route.
Frank E. Burns, Gen. Agent.
Office—214 BROADWAY.

Daily Morning Alaskan, Skagway, September 1, 1900.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, September 4, 1900.
BACK FROM HER TRIAL TRIP.
The speedy New York excursion steamer Dolphin, which arrived in Seattle harbor recently, after a long and perilous voyage from the Atlantic to the Pacific by way of the Straits of Magellan, yesterday completed her trial trip from this city to Victoria, B.C. and return. The Dolphin fully sustained her reputation for speed on the voyage, her machinery having been thoroughly overhauled since her arrival here. She made an average of fourteen nautical miles an hour on the trip.

Always known as a commodious and comfortable steamer, the Dolphin is now a veritable floating palace as a result of $40,000 in refurnishing and repairs...prepatory to putting the Dolphin on the Seattle-Lynn canal run...The steamer is fitted up in palatial style by Frederick, Nelson & Munro, a well known furniture and house furnishing firm.

The passenger deck has accommodations for 100 first class passengers. Two spacious salons that occupy the center and are richly furnished...

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, October 5, 1900.
Dolphin To Leave At Noon
Will visit down sound cities
At 12 o'clock noon today the steamer Dolphin, carrying the Chamber of Commerce excursion to down Sound cities will leave the Schwabacher wharf. Everett, Anacortes, Blaine, Whatcom, Fairhaven, Port Angeles and Port Townsend will be visited in the order named. The excursionists will return to Seattle about 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

The original intention was to leave at 7 o'clock this morning, but the failure of the Dolphin to return from her Alaskan run upon schedule time necessitated a later hour of departure...With all this delay, she could discharge cargo and be ready to depart early this morning, but it was desired to allow sufficient time for the vessel to be prepared for the special trip...

The Dolphin was also used for excursions of the Puget Sound Navigation Co., in and around Puget Sound and British Columbia ports.

Colfax Gazette, June 28, 1901.
Gold receipts by the Steamer Dolphin from the Klondike are as follows: For Canadian Bank of Commerce, $1,000,000; individual dust, $350,000, shipped via St. Michaels on the 12th inst., $2,500,000; on the way up river (estimated), 1,000,000. Alaska's output of gold from the spring cleanup has started in a steady flow to Seattle. Over three tons of gold, or $2,500,000 is on the way down the Yukon.

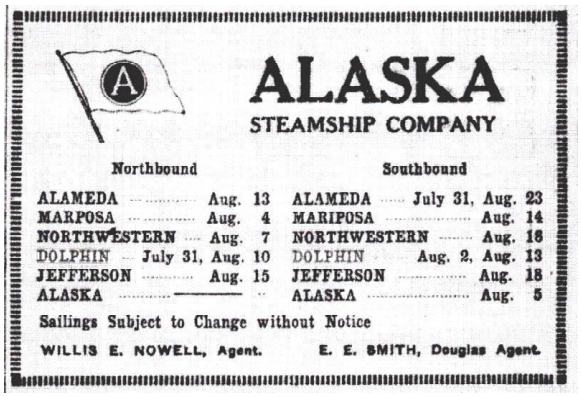
Spokane Press, June 8, 1905.
FIRST CLEAN UP KLONDIKE GOLD
Seattle, June 8 -- The steamer Dolphin arrived from Alaska this morning, bringing $400,000 as the first cleanup of Klondike gold this season. She also brought news of a record cleanup in the Tanana country, $300,000 being taken out of a discovery on a claim on Cleary Creek.

Valdez Daily Prospector, December 8, 1916.
STEAMERS SOLD TO CROSBY CO.
Steamers Dolphin and Jefferson on the Southeastern Alaska run, are sold to Milwaukee shipping Co.

The steamers will be sent east through the Panama Canal and thence to the Great Lakes, where they will be put into service.

STEAMER DOLPHIN, CONT.

Cordova Daily Times, December 14, 1916.
Jefferson and Dolphin Deals Declared Off.
All negotiations for the sale of the Alaska steamers Dolphin and Jefferson, of the Alaska Steamship Company's Fleet, were declared off at a meeting between President W.R. Baxter of the Alaska company and the representatives of the Crosby Steamship Company, of Milwaukee


ALASKA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Northbound		Southbound	
ALAMEDA	Aug. 13	ALAMEDA	July 31, Aug. 23
MARPOSA	Aug. 4	MARIPOSA	Aug. 14
NORTHWESTERN	Aug. 7	NORTHWESTERN	Aug. 18
DOLPHIN	July 31, Aug. 10	DOLPHIN	Aug. 2, Aug. 13
JEFFERSON	Aug. 15	JEFFERSON	Aug. 18
ALASKA	———	ALASKA	Aug. 5

Sailings Subject to Change without Notice

WILLIS E. NOWELL, Agent. E. E. SMITH, Douglas Agent.

Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, July 28, 1917.

Cordova Daily Times, January 20, 1917.
Bruno Chilinski, a 15-year old boy, who is said to have run away from his home in Seattle, is charming the residents of Juneau with his masterly playing upon the violin. He was taken off the steamer Dolphin by Juneau police on a telegraphic request from his parents.

The Daily Alaskan, Skagway, September 22, 1917.
The steamer Dolphin, of the Alaska S.S. Co., arrived in port this morning at 4:30 and sailed for the south at 11 a.m.

Cordova Daily Times, October 15, 1917.
ALASKA S.S. CO. SELLS STEAMER DOLPHIN
Seattle, Oct. 15. -- The Alaska Steamship Company has sold the Steamer Dolphin, which has been on the southeastern Alaska run since 1900, to Chilean interests. The deal was made with the consent of the federal shipping board. The price paid has not been made public. The Dolphin will leave this week on a 6000 mile trip to Valpariso to enter the Chile coast service.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, October 29, 1917.
Chilean Flag Now Flys Over Steamer Dolphin
Seattle, Oct. 29 --The Chilean flag today was formally raised on the steamer Dolphin, formerly owned by the Alaska Steamship Co., and operating to Skagway.

STEAMER DOLPHIN TOKENS

So what do we think about the S.S. Dolphin tokens?

Tokencatalog.com has them listed under Port Townsend Washington, not without justification. The Dolphin is known to have called there. Washington collectors claim them as Washington tokens. The 10¢ token is shown as an R-7 in the Washington State token catalog.

Alaska Steamship Co. was reorganized in 1897 by Charles Peabody, who lived in Port Townsend. The stockholders of Alaska Steamship Co. then founded the Puget Sound Navigation Co. in 1898.

The Dolphin was used on the Seattle to Skagway run from 1900 to 1917. With the connections between the two companies, it was not unusual for the Dolphin to also be used in the Puget Sound area.

Originally named the Al Foster, and then The Foster, it was renamed the Dolphin in 1899, shortly before its purchase by the Alaska Steamship Co. in 1900. So there is little likelihood that these tokens were used before the Dolphin was acquired by the Alaska Steamship Co.

Ads for sailings of the Dolphin can be found in the Daily Morning Alaskan from 1900 to 1917. Since the Dolphin spent most of its time on the Seattle to Skagway run, it seems logical that that is where the tokens would be used.

But since it also ran excursions in the Puget Sound, the improvements mentioned in the Sept. 4, 1900 Seattle P-I article makes it more likely for tokens to be used on the excursions.

I think a dual attribution is in order, with the tokens being both Alaska and Washington.

My thanks to J.D. Williams for his assistance in researching the Dolphin.

STR. MARTHA CLOW

The river steamer Martha Clow was originally owned by Charles R. Clow Expedition. It wintered at Koyukuk River 1898-99. Mr. Clow left Alaska in 1900. I spent over 4 hours on the LoC looking for a connection with the Northern Commercial Co. The LoC has no mention of the boat until 1905.

Daily Alaskan, August 3, 1905.
The steamer Martha Clow, which has been lying idle on the Dawson front for several years, has gone to Eagle, as an American bottom.

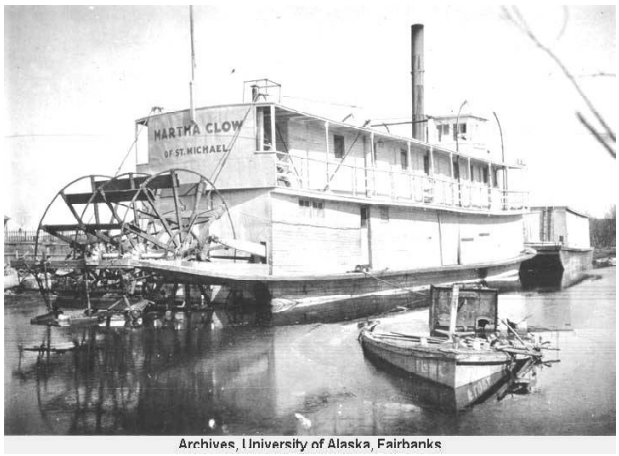
The Clow came into existence in the rush days, and is notable more as a relic of the early Klondike rush than for any exploit in which she has participated.

Capt. A.G. Sims is master of the Clow, and A. Willets, the owner, is engineer.

In several mentions, she is referred to a "little" and "independent."

Iditarod Pioneer, June 10, 1911.
Things looked serious for the Martha Clow and all other boats in her vicinity about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, when that steamer ran over the Slippern mill log boom and straddle it with her barge on one side and herself on the other in such close proximity to the bank that she could not move her paddle.

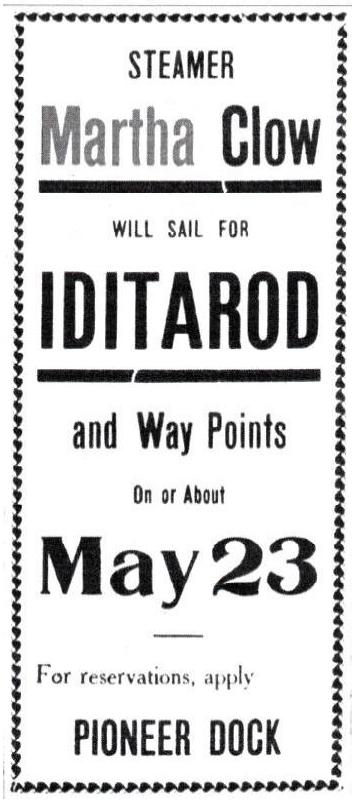
The current carried her swiftly down stream into the narrower runway, and before the boom broke to release her, she had damaged several small boats, the Neater launch and some poling boats.



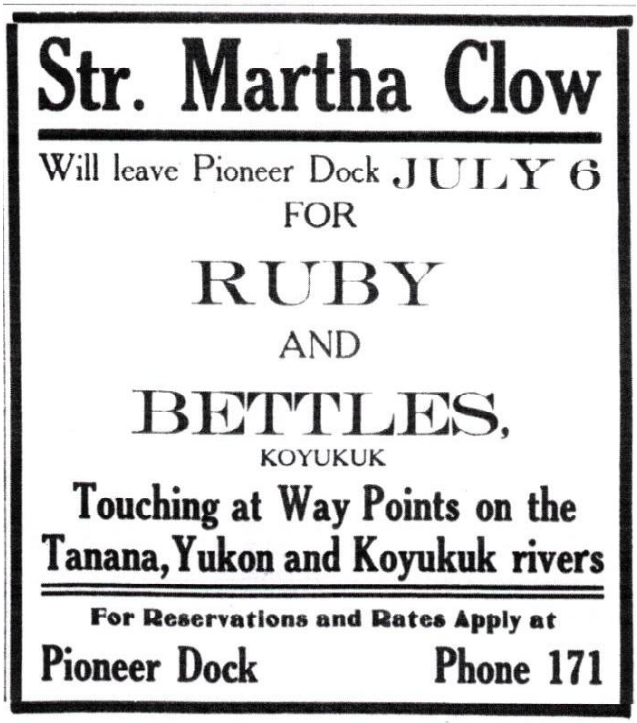
Archives, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, April 7, 1913.
NEW NAVIGATION COMPANY FORMED
Last week saw the launching of a new enterprise in Fairbanks when several owners of independent steamboats made arrangements with the Koyukuk Trading and Transportation company for the coming season... plan to operate the boats from the Yukon up the Koyukuk as far as navigation will permit.

The boats Dusty Diamond and Ben Hur will be put into operation...Later in the season, the Martha Clow, which is undergoing extensive repairs, will be put into commission and worked with the other two boats.


STEAMER
Martha Clow
WILL SAIL FOR
IDITAROD
and Way Points
On or About
May 23
For reservations, apply
PIONEER DOCK

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, May 22, 1911.


Str. Martha Clow
Will leave Pioneer Dock JULY 6
FOR
RUBY
AND
BETTLES,
KOYUKUK
Touching at Way Points on the
Tanana, Yukon and Koyukuk rivers
For Reservations and Rates Apply at
Pioneer Dock Phone 171

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, June 30, 1913.

MARTHA CLOW, CONT.

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, August 11, 1913.
CLOW REPORTED STUCK ON BAR
Reports were brought to town yesterday morning that the Martha Clow was stuck on a bar near Salcha and that there was no hope of getting off until the water got higher.

Ketchikan Miner, April 17, 1914.
Steamers to be operated this summer from Fairbanks on the upper Tanana for the Shushanna trade are Martha Clow, Tana, White Seal, Florence S. and Sampson.

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, June 22, 1914.
The little steamer Martha Clow arrived from the upper Tanana Friday, where she wintered.

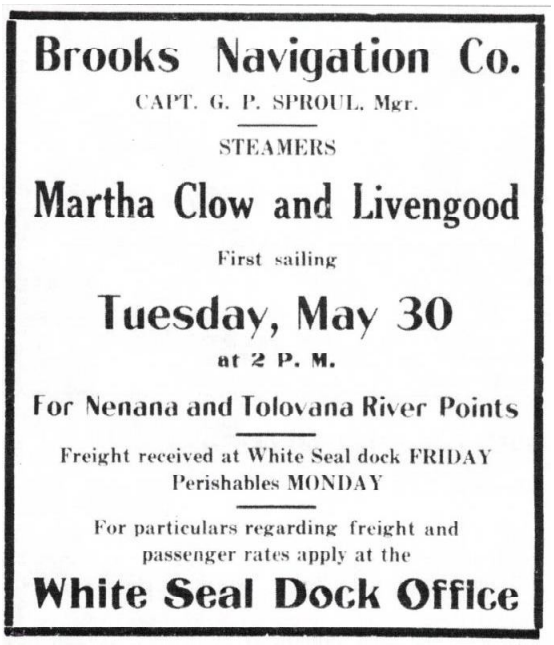
The Alaska Citizen of July 13, 1914 carries the first publication, of the seizure of the Martha Clow. She was seized "in a cause of wages, civil and maritime."

Alaska Citizen, October 5, 1914.
At an auction sale last Monday, the steamer Martha Clow was purchased by Arthur Valentine.

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, May 22, 1916.
New Navigation Company in Field
The Brooks Navigation company is the name of the new concern which has just announced its entrance into the transportation field. Its boats will operate between Fairbanks and the Tolovana country carrying freight and passengers. The boats are the Martha Clow, which will operate between Fairbanks and Log Jam, and the Livengood which will operate from the tramway at the Log Jam to the terminal or the head of navigation on the Tolovana river.

The Martha Clow is a well known boat. She is now, however, better and larger than ever before, having been completely overhauled and placed in first class condition for the Tolovana run.

Weekly Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, May 6, 1918.
STEAMER CLOW WILL BE USED
Negotiations have been entered into by the Carlisle Packing company and the owners of the steamer Martha Clow for the purchase of the boat by the packing company.


Brooks Navigation Co.
CAPT. G. P. SPROUL, Mgr.
STEAMERS
Martha Clow and Livengood
First sailing
Tuesday, May 30
at 2 P. M.
For Nenana and Tolovana River Points
Freight received at White Seal dock FRIDAY
Perishables MONDAY
For particulars regarding freight and passenger rates apply at the
White Seal Dock Office

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, May 22, 1916.

The packing company has also purchased two large barges, which will be used in taking a load of supplies from Fairbanks to Andreafsky, where the plant is located. Chief of the load will be 46 boats that will be used as fish tenders for the bringing of fish from the nets to the cannery.

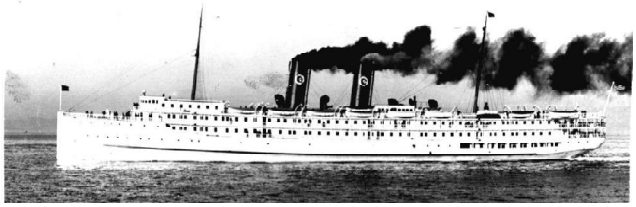
Nenana News, July 8, 1922.
The steamer Martha Clow, formerly owned and operated by the Carlisle Packing company, is enroute up the river and should reach Nenana some time tonight.

Nenana News, September 7, 1922.
The Mutchler brothers are reported to have purchased the steamer Martha Clow, form the Carlisle Packing company, and the boat is now being put in shape at Fairbanks for a trip to the Iditarod.

Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, June 4, 1924.
SUNKEN STEAMER RAISED.
The Yukon and Tanana River steamer Martha Clow, which sunk in the Tanana River below the bridge has been raised, and she will be repaired and placed in commission this summer.

And that ends the saga of the Martha Clow. No mention of the Northern Commercial Co. One has to assume that the N.C. Co. ran the steamer between 1900 and 1905.

S.S. YALE



The S.S. Yale was built in 1906. The U.S. Navy acquired her from the Pacific Steamship Co. of Seattle in 1918 and placed her in service as a troop transport during World War I. She was decommissioned in 1919 and sold to the Los Angeles Steamship Company for service between San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

She was laid up in 1935, and put back into service as a dormitory ship at Kodiak in 1940. She was pressed into service during World War II in 1943 (as the U.S.S. Greyhound)

Nome Nugget, December 20, 1943.
S.S. YALE IS NOW IN SERVICE.
SEATTLE, Dec. 20. -- (AP) -- The veteran coastal passenger vessel, the S.S. Yale, is sailing the Pacific for the second war, after being beached for a bunkhouse for Alaskan construction workers, the Twelfth Naval District disclosed. The steamship was commissioned for convoy service.

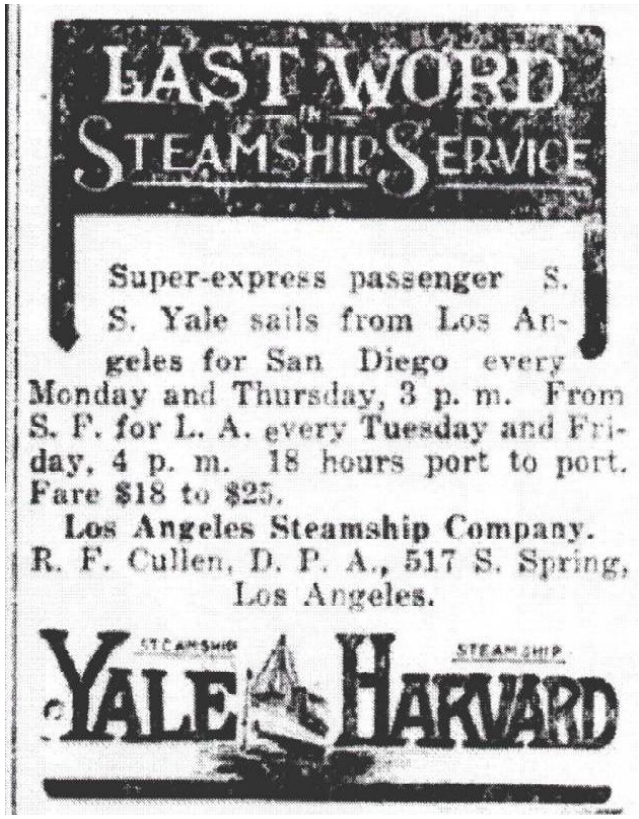
The navy explained the Yale had weathered two winters of outer Alaska storms, serving as a stationary hotel, and "she was too gallant a ship to die that way."

Kodiak Mirror, January 1, 1944.
We are reminded of the Norwegian who thought it was a prison ship because everyone called it the Yale - the old S.S. Yale, that is, which was stationed for two years at the local NOB as a bunkhouse for construction workers.

The Twelfth Naval District has revealed that the Yale is again sailing the Pacific in her second assignment during a world war, having been recommissioned for convoy service.

She was decommissioned in 1944 and sold for scrap in 1949.

From the length of time she was serving the coastal trade of California, I have to believe that the tokens were used on board the ship during that period and are not Alaskan. Additionally, Dick Powell, formerly of Kodiak reports that the examples in his collection were not acquired locally (in Kodiak).

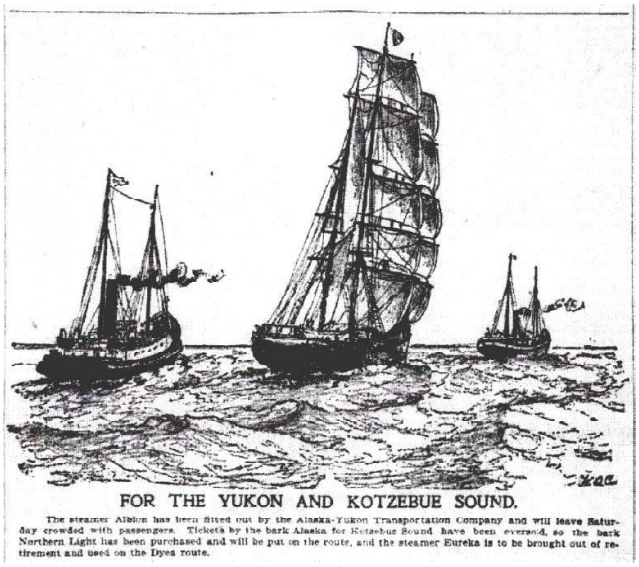

LAST WORD
IN
STEAMSHIP SERVICE
Super-express passenger S. S. Yale sails from Los Angeles for San Diego every Monday and Thursday, 3 p. m. From S. F. for L. A. every Tuesday and Friday, 4 p. m. 18 hours port to port. Fare $18 to $25.
Los Angeles Steamship Company.
R. F. Cullen, D. P. A., 517 S. Spring, Los Angeles.
YALE
HARVARD

Imperial Valley Press, El Centro, CA, May 7, 1921.

ENTER CHINA :(

A company in China as made a reproduction of the 1/2 Pinch gold token. Bronze in color, about 39mm. Fortunately, it is large enough to not be a problem. This is probably not the first, definitely not the last.

ALASKA-YUKON TRANSPORTATION CO. STEAMER (ST) HUBERT



FOR THE YUKON AND KOTZEBUE SOUND.

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San Francisco Call, February 3, 1898.

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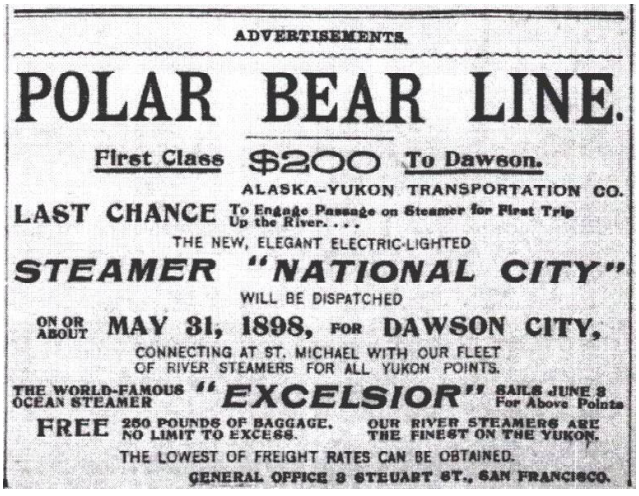


ADVERTISEMENTS.

POLAR BEAR LINE.

First Class $200 To Dawson.

ALASKA-YUKON TRANSPORTATION CO.

LAST CHANCE To Engage Passage on Steamer for First Trip Up the River. . . .

THE NEW, ELEGANT ELECTRIC-LIGHTED

STEAMER "NATIONAL CITY"

WILL BE DISPATCHED

ON OR ABOUT MAY 31, 1898, FOR DAWSON CITY,

CONNECTING AT ST. MICHAEL WITH OUR FLEET OF RIVER STEAMERS FOR ALL YUKON POINTS.

THE WORLD-FAMOUS OCEAN STEAMER "EXCELSIOR" SAILS JUNE 2 For Above Points

FREE 250 POUNDS OF BAGGAGE, NO LIMIT TO EXCESS. OUR RIVER STEAMERS ARE THE FINEST ON THE YUKON.

THE LOWEST OF FREIGHT RATES CAN BE OBTAINED.

GENERAL OFFICE 2 STEUART ST., SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco Call, May 27, 1898.

And still no mention of the Steamer Hubert (or St. Hubert)! But wait...

The Herald, Los Angeles, October 15, 1896.

New York, Oct. 14. --The Saint line Steamer Hubert, which left Philadelphia for London last Friday with a full cargo of general merchandise and a deck load of cattle, sustained such damage in Sunday's hurricane that she was obliged to bear up for this port to refit She arrived this afternoon and showed every trace of the fearful weather she encountered. Her decks were cumbered with wreckage of the cattle pens and deck fittings and 114 fine steers were missing having been washed overboard.

Was the ship the steamer Hubert or St. Hubert?

Note that it is the "Saint" line. The ST on the token could be for steamer or saint. It just raises some interesting possibilities.

There was plenty of time for the ship to be refitted and make it to the Pacific coast in time for the gold rush.

SWEEPSTAKES CREEK

I have purchased some gold from Sweepstakes Creek in the Koyuk Mining District. This is on the eastern end of the Seward Peninsula.

Sweepstakes Creek is a tributary to Peace River. In 1909, prospecting was done on the Peace River near the mouth of Sweepstakes Creek. In the fall of that year, 9 miles of Sweepstakes Creek had been staked.

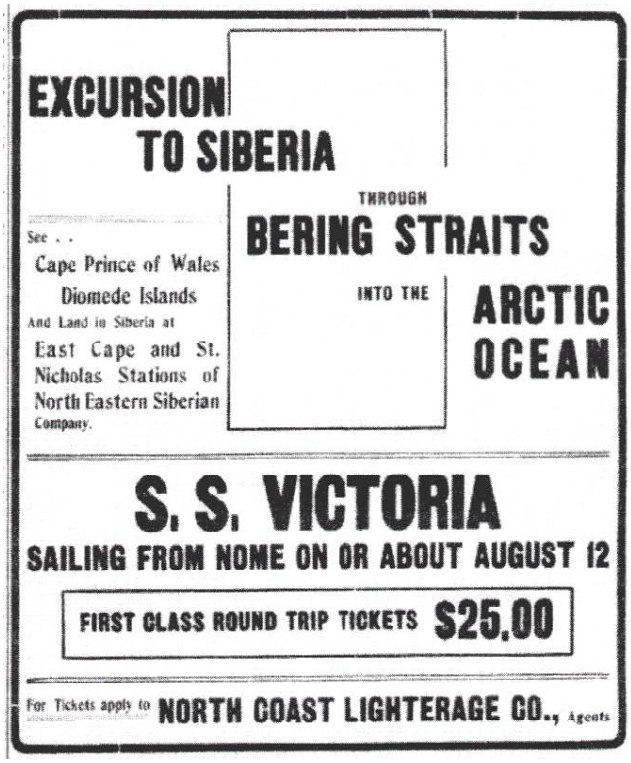
I purchased an ounce of this gold and made (18) 1 DWT tokens. With gold at all-time highs, this is the most expensive gold I have purchased. GRC assays this gold at .810 gold, .179 silver.

These tokens are available for $175 each.

MINING IN SIBERIA

Nome Nugget, September 16, 1903.
Few persons stop to consider that Siberia is only 40 miles distant from America, and that the scenes of mining operations inaugurated in 1902 by the Northeast Siberian Company, Ltd., across the Behring straits, are not as far from Nome as are the mining districts adjacent to Kotzebue Sound. The results of last year's operations over there were the establishment of three supply stations, in different parts of the territory, and the discovery of gold, both in quartz and placer. This year the work of prospecting is being carried out by a larger force of men, most of them being Americans. It is the first time in history, where a Russian company, with the consent of the Russian government, extends a general invitation to American prospectors and miners to prospect and mine and it is expected that a few years from now we will witness the same activity in development of Northeastern Siberia, as are at present taking place in Northwestern Alaska.

When the officers of the Russian warship "Manchur" landed at Nome a short time ago, they were astonished to find a city -- with railroads, electric lights and water works, on this far northern tundra, the existence of which can only be explained by the word "gold."



Nome Semi-Weekly Nugget, August 3, 1904.

CORDOVAN TO HEAD EXPEDITION TO SIBERIA

Cordova Daily Times, June 5, 1920.
Purchased by the recently organized Siberian Commercial Company, the steamship Gedney, well known here for years as a vessel of the United States coast and geodetic survey fleet, will dapart June 12 for St. Lawrence bay, Siberia, to establish a trading post for the new corporation and to land twenty-five of the stockholders who are going to try their luck washing Siberian sands for gold, says the Seattle Times.

The new Siberian company was organized and financed by nearly fifty residents of Seattle and Bremerton, including twelve oldtime Alaskans, the corporation being formed for trading purposes. It will establish its first trading post on the south shore of St. Lawrence bay, concentrating on the fur trade this year. The Gedney will go North with a full cargo of trading supplies, principally general merchandise. Officers of the company estimate the cargo will cost close to $40,000 by the time it is delivered to the ship.

***Louis C. Stringer,** formerly of Cordova and Chitina, is president, and James A. Bovee is vice-president, and Stringer spent thirteen years in the North, including two winters in Siberia.*

"We closed the deal for the Gedney two weeks ago," said Stringer, "and now have arranged to have the vessel painted, overhauled and cleaned at the Anderson plant. We will have bunks built between decks to accommodate twenty-five of our stockholders who will try beach mining on St. Lawrence bay.

The mining proposition, however, is an individual venture on the part of each of the twenty-five stockholders, the company confining itself to fur trading this year.

The company plans to send a representative to Vladivostok next fall as the first step in enlarging the corporation's sphere of operations in Siberia.

WOODEN NICKELS (color indicates printing) $2.00 each except as noted.

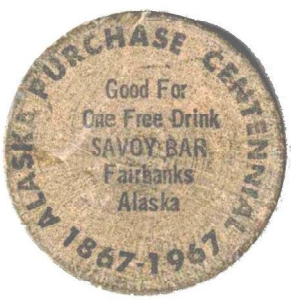
ANCHORAGE
Book Cache, black
Carousel Lounge, red
Richmond Cocktail Lounge, green, "SE"
Neumann & Halverson Moving $size, green
As above, red
As above, black
Stamp & Coin Cache, 1967 **5.00**
Totem Coin Club 5th. 1969, $ size green

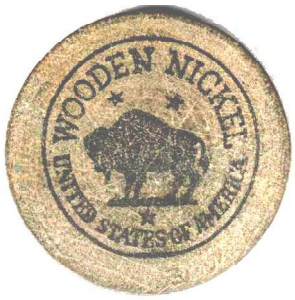
CORDOVA
Ice Worm Fest., One Buck black

ESTER
Malemute Saloon, 2 bits **3.00**

FAIRBANKS
American Legion Post 11, black
Arctic Bar, black
Aurora Lodge, 39 mile Rich. Hwy black
Big Bend Liquor Store, blue
Clem's Backpacking, blue
Club Alaskan, black
Club Alaskan, red
Detour Arcade, maybe Fairbanks, black
Fairbanks Coin Club, 1979, $ size, black
Fbks. Community Food Bank, blue
Fbks. Curling Club, black
Gold Nugget Hotel, black
Gold Pan Trd. Post, 5¢, blue
Hands All Around, black
Harding Lake Store, 5¢ black **10.00**
King 8 Hotel/Sourdough Saloon, black

Luggage Shop, AK PC 1967, red **5.00**
New Savoy Bar **3.00**
Pioneers of Alaska Grand Igloo, 1991 black
Raven Screen, black
Savoy Bar, AK PC, 1967, dirty, black(above rt) **3.00**
Silver Gulch Brewing, black
Tanana Valley CC, Winter Studies, 75-6 black
Uncle's Pizza Parlor, black
VFW 3629, blue
Yukon Quest, 1996, uniface





12 Mile, Manchu, Los Amigos, Speedway, Lower LA, good at multiple places, black
Golden Days Diamond Willow pin 1968. Pin is missing, fake nugget is missing **3.00**

FOX
Howling Dog, red, faded **5.00**

HAINES
Marty's Pioneer Bar, black

JUNEAU
Totem Bay Co., black

NOME
The Music Store, black

NORTH POLE
American Legion Post 30
Circle M, black
VFW Post 10029, red
49'er Club, black

(SALCHA)
Arctic Harvest, one drink, black **5.00**

SOLDOTNA
Ev & Colleen's Ace of Clubs, black

TOK
Young's Husky Louge, 1976 **5.00**

VALDEZ
Totem Inn, black

ALASKA
AK Trd & Trav. Show, Costa Mesa CA $ blue
M/V Sikuliaq launch, 2012 **5.00**

ALASKA HIGHWAY

5th Wheel Service. Around Liard River, BC. Cracked but intact, see image. **20.00**

ALASKA MEDALS & TOKENS,

Alaska Airlines, Good for one Coconut Grizzly Beveridge. Gold aluminum, 35mm **3.00**
Alaska Booster, $5 bronze, 1962 (later mintage) Totem pole and standing bear **5.00**
The Alaska Collection, Alaska Gold Country, gold panner, CN, 38mm **3.00**
Alaska Pipeline, Valdez/Prudhoe, brs 40mm **3.00**
Alaska Smoke Jumpers, 50 yrs 2009 brz 38mm **12.00**
Alaskan Command, 25th Anniv. 1972 CN 40mm **5.00**
Don't Eat Yellow Snow, Good luck From Alaska, pot metal, corroded, 38mm **1.00**
Eagan/Wade, 1962-66, cn 34mm **2.00**
50th Ann. of Statehod, 2009, bear/map brs **10.00**

ALASKA PURCHASE CENTENNIAL

Alaska Aviation Comm., 1967PC, brz. 40mm **3.00**
Bear on Map, Totem rev., brass, 40mm **3.00**

ANCHORAGE

Alaska Music Fest., 1960, brz. with loop **5.00**
Alaska State Bank, (parking), brs 27mm **3.00**
American Legion, gold on blue plastic poker chips. Does not say Anchorage. For some reason, we always assumed they were from Anchorage. Box of 94 **10.00**
Cross Roads, Premium Drink, wht on blue, 40 mm, octagonal **3.00**
Fairview Market, set of 4 FST, 37mm **25.00**
As above, orange 5¢ only **3.00**
Fairview Market, 1¢ FST, blk on white, typical **2.00**
As above, 5¢ **2.00**
Glacier Pilots (baseball), National Baseball Congress, Nat'l Champ. 1969, 1971. High relief cast pot metal, 36mm **12.00**
Gold Rush Motor Lodge, 1967PC, brs 32mm **3.00**
"Illegal" Trade Dollar 1967PC **5.00**
International Liquor, 50¢, 1969, alum 36mm **3.00**
Kay's Kitchen, $1, '67, brs 32mm **3.00**
Little Castle Diamond Ctr, brass 25mm **1.00**
Moose Gooser, 1967 PC, (right) brs. 40mm **3.00**
As above, CN, left **3.00**
Moose Lodge 1534, 1967 PC ox.cn 40mm **5.00**
Papa Joe's, Cancer, red on white plas29mm **1.00**
Pat Wiley, Top of the World Coins, gold on blk plastic, 41mm **2.00**
Ptarmigan Coin & Stamp Society, 40mm alum **1.00**
Ship Creek Saloon, pseudo-whorehouse token, white metal, 44mm **5.00**
Sourdough Bar, 25¢, brass 28mm **3.00**
Totem Coin Club, 2nd Conv., alum. 40mm **2.00**
Totem Coin Club, Coin Fest., 1971 brs 32mm **1.00**
Totem Coin Club 50¢ Bingle chip, 1974 CN **1.00**
Wiona's Gift Shop, 1971, 25¢, Alum. 34mm **3.00**
Transportation, People Mover, brs 23mm **1.00**
Transportation: Area Transit, 50¢, 1972, **$3.00** each **10 for $12.00**

AUKE BAY

Auke Lady, one drink. Gold on grn plas. **3.00**

BARROW

North Slope Boro. transit, one fare **2.00**

CLEAR AFS

BMEWS Site II, 25 years 1961-86 brs 39mm **5.00**

CORDOVA

CofC, 8 Bits (trade dollar) brass, 39mm **5.00**

FAIRBANKS

Alaska Overland, one fare **1.00**
American Legion Post 57, purple alum33mm **3.00**
Boatel Bar, gold on blue plas, 39mm **3.00**
Casey's Place, 25¢, brass, 23mm **1.00**
Coin King Laundry, plated brass, 1982 **1.00**
As above, plated brass, no date
As above, brass, no date **1.00**
Coin Shop $1, gold on blue plas., 41mm **1.00**
Drop In Lounge, beer, wht on blk plas 38mm **5.00**
Elks 1551, 1997 convention, brs. 34mm **3.00**
As above, 2009 conv. brz 38mm **2.00**
Fbks Chamber of Commerce, Trade $ **1.00**
Fbks.Coin Club bronze medasl: 1965 Convention, (1972) Barlett; 1976 Reeves; 1977 Creamers; 1978 Seppala; 1979 Nerland; 1980 Wickersham; 1981 Studdert **3.00 each**
Fairbanks Curling Club, International Bonspiel 1985, drink, brass 29mm **3.00**
Fbks. Daily News Miner, scallopped brz., 1963, looped for key ring. **5.00**
Fbks./Nenana Flood, alum. 40mm **2.00**
Fairbanks Petroleum Corp., bronze with vial for oil (empty), 40mm **5.00**
Felix Pedro, PofA, 1952, alum. worn **1.00**
First Nat'l Bank of Fbks, scallopped brz. 1963 looped for key ring 30mm **5.00**
As above, but with blue enamel **10.00**
Lath(r)op HS Girls JV Basketball 1980-81 **1.00**
Midnight Sun Baseball, Alaska Gold Panners, 1995, brs 34mm **3.00**
As above, 1996 **3.00**
As above, 1998 **3.00**
As above, 2007 **3.00**
As above, 2008 **3.00**
Moose Lodge 1392, drink, brass 34mm **3.00**

ALASKA MEDALS & TOKENS, CONT.

North Star Car Wash, wash & wax, blk on blue plastic, raised rim, 42mm **3.00**
Par 4 (batting cage) brass 28mm **1.00**
Pastime Bar, $1, white on blk plas. 38mm **5.00**
Pioneer Hotel, trade dollar, 1976 **3.00**
Pioneers of Alaska, 1978 conv. brz, 39mm **5.00**
Sourdough Fuel, 3¢ discount per gallon, red and blue on white plastic, 41mm **2.00**
Stu Rothman, Lens Unlimited, cast pot metal, 47mm **5.00**
Wild Bill's Saloon, prepaid drink brs 32mm **3.00**
49'er Club, wood drink token and card with 25¢ and 50¢ coupons. See March 2024, pg 32 **15.00**
Transportation, FNSB, one fare, HH mintmark **1.00**
As above, earlier issu **1.00**
Transportation, 1984, December **1.00**
FNSB tokens are still valid

GALENA

Hobo Benson's Yukon Inn, 75¢ 1970 brs 33mm **5.00**

HOMER

Homer Museum, 1967, brass **3.00**
Kharacters, $3.75, wht on red plas, 39mm **3.00**
As above, bronze **3.00**

HOPE

1894 Gold strike, 1967PC, brs. 40mm **5.00**
as above, brz **5.00**

JUNEAU

Red Dog Saloon, "Alaska's Fabulous Gay Ninties Saloon, gold on white plas. poker chip. **10.00**

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA

Alaska Gold Rush, list of M/S strikes brs.35mm **3.00**

KETCHIKAN

CoC, $2 trade coin 1971, CN, 40mm **3.00**
Elks, 45 years, 1967PC, cupornickel **3.00**

NENANA

Dog Mushers/Tripod, 1977. Brz. 39mm **3.00**

NOME

Bering Sea Saloon, drink, brs, 34mm **5.00**
Breakers Bar, drink, 1993, brs, 31mm **5.00**
Board of Trade encased cent, 1964. $2 each
10 for **10.00**

NORTHERN COMMERCIAL CO.

1967 Replica $1 token, gold pot medal **3.00**

NORTH POLE

Farthest North Rodeo, 1965, cn, 40mm **3.00**
As above, brass, numbered **10.00**
Santa Clause House Trade Dollar, 1963 brs 40 **3.00**
As above Santa Souvenir Dollar, 1964/1965 brass, 40mm. **3.00**
As above, 1966 **3.00**
As above, 1967, A-67 **3.00**
Santa's Suds, brass, 22mm **2.00**

PALMER

CoC, trade dollar, 1978, nickel 33mm **3.00**
As above, 1979 **3.00**

SEWARD

All-Am City, Cornerstone, brass 38mm **2.00**
Mt. Marathon Race, 1966, hi-relief brz 38mm **5.00**
Seward Sealife Ctr. elongated cent **1.00**

Yukon Bar, Draft beer, gold on wht poker chip **5.00**
As above, gold on yellow poker chip **5.00**

SKAGWAY

Trade Dollar, brass, 34mm **3.00**

SITKA

CoC, Trade Dollar, 1963, CN, 39mm **1.00**

SOLDOTNA

Lola's Bear Den, drink, 1965, brs 31mm **2.00**

SPENARD

Friendly Fireside Lounge, 1961, copper 32mm **3.00**
As above, 1950-76, 1967 PC, brs 40mm **3.00**
Golden Whale Bar, drink, 1965 alum 35mm **3.00**
Olsen's Gas Car Wash, blk on brass, 22mm **3.00**

TELLER

Half Bottle of Whiskey (Fantasy) Brz., 42nn **5.00**

VALDEZ

Bear Paw Camper Park, brs, 22mm **3.00**
Civic Ctr. Dedication, brz, 40mm **3.00**

DAWSON CITY

Diamond Tooth Gerties, $1 slot machine token **2.00**

PRICES ARE PLUS POSTAGE. WE WILL SHIP ON APPROVAL AND YOU CAN PAY UPON RECEIPT, ADDING THE ACTUAL POSTAGE TO YOUR INVOICE.

SILVER MEDALS

These prices are good until silver hits $35 per ounce. Depending on the medal, we may still honor that price. If silver goes to $45 per ounce, these are going to the refiner!

ALASKA, GENERAL

Alaska, from the Franklin Mint bicentennial set, silver and bronze, in original case **50.00**
As above, no case **35.00**
Alaska General Contractors, 1/2 oz silver **20.00**
Alaskan Command, Keystone of the North, 25th Anniv., silver and ox. cupronickel **30.00**
Seward/State Seal, very high relief, 32mm, .999 silver and bronze. **45.00**
25th Ann. of Statehood, 1984, 1/2 oz. silver **25.00**
Alaska Purchase Centennial, Philadelphia Mint, silver and bronze **25.00**
U.S. Bicentennial, AK set of 3: map obverse, patriot designs on the reverse. By the makers of the Alaska Pipeline set. Silver, brz. zinc **50.00**
Vitus Bering Friendship Dollar, 250 Anniv. 1991, in original card **75.00**

ANCHORAGE

Arctic Winter Games, Sterling **30.00**
Fur Rendezvous, 1970, sterling & bronze **30.00**
Fur Rendezvous, 1976, sterling & brass **30.00**
As above, 1977 **30.00**
As above, 1978 **30.00**
As above, 1979 **30.00**
Brass medals in sets above are heavily toned
As above, but in original case **35.00**
Glacier Pilots baseball team, Nat'l Chmp. 1969, 1971, runner up 1970. 2 silver, 1 bronze in original case, presentation set 43. **90.00**
Hirohito Visit, 1971, silver and brz. **45.00**
Millenium at the Top, 2000, 2 oz. silver **90.00**
Pages of Progress, 1970, silver & brz **30.00**
U.S. Bicentennial, 1976 silver and bronze **30.00**

CLEAR AFS

BMEWS Site II, 25 yrs 1961-86 silver & brs **45.00**

FAIRBANKS

Eskimo Olympics, 1965 sil & brz set 38mm **30.00**
As above, 1966 **30.00**
Fbks Coin Club 1965 Convention, 1965 set of silver and bronze **50.00**
As above, Bob Barlette (1972) **30.00**
As above, Austin E.Latrop, 1973 **30.00**
As above, Sidney Laurence, 1974 **30.00**
As above, Charles & Anna Creamer, 1977 **30.00**
As above, Leonhard Seppala, 1978 **30.00**
As above, Andrew Nerland, 1979 **30.00**
As above, James Wickersham, 1980 **30.00**
Fbks. Chamber of Commerce, silver and bronze, minted in 1964 and 1965 **50.00**
Fbks/Nenana Flood, 1967, set of Silver, brz. & Alum, 40mm **30.00**
As above, silver, brs., brz **30.00**
Pioneer Memorial Park, A-67, set of sterling and bronze, 40mm **30.00**
Pioneers of Alaska, 1 oz. silver and bronze **45.00**

HOMER

Homer Museum, Centennial Souvenir, 1967, silver and brass **30.00**

HOPE

Gold Strike, 1894, 1967PC, set of 3; silver, brs brz in Capital Plastics type case. **50.00**

KETCHIKAN

Elks, 45 years, 1967PC Sterling silver and cupronickel, 32mm **30.00**

METLAKATLA

Centennial Celebrations, 1987, 1 oz. silver **45.00**

MT. McKINLEY NATIONAL PARK

Souvenir Medallion, circa 1972, sterling silver, 40mm **30.00**

NENANA

Nenana Valley CoC, Souvenir $, sterling **30.00**

NORTH POLE

Santa Claus House Trade Dollar, 1963 sterling silver **30.00**
As above, 1967, A-67 silver & brass **30.00**

SAND POINT

Centennial, 1987, 1 oz. silver **50.00**

SEWARD

Silver Salmon Derby, set of silver and bronze in original box **25.00**

SITKA

CofC Trade Dollar, 1963, sterling silver **30.00**

VALDEZ

Civic Center Dedication, 1982, silver & brz. **30.00**

WRANGELL

Gateway to 3 gold rushes, 1984. Set of 2 silver, 1/2 oz. and 1 oz. in original case. **75.00**

POLAR EXPLORATION

Richard E. Byrd, North & South Pole, National Commemorative Society, Franklin Mint, sterling silver **30.00**
Robert E. Peary, Arctic Explorer. same as above **30.00**